

MEMORANDUM FOR



Assistant to the Director

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SUBJECT:

Recommended Reply to Letter of  
Col. Samuel Z. Goldstein regarding CARE

Attached herewith is a recommended reply to Col. Samuel Z. Goldstein's letter of 4 February, 1958 (ER 10-843), for the Director's signature.



Chief,  
International Organizations Division

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Attachments: ER 10-843

Recommended reply to ER 10-843

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Colonel Samuel Z. Goldstein, USMC, Ret.

Dear Colonel Goldstein:

Thank you for your letter of 4 February, 1958.

I can understand that you would be concerned about the alleged conditions reported to you. It has always been my impression that the organization you mention has accomplished many fine things, although it may be possible that, as in most large scale efforts, administration could be improved in some respects. However, this Agency has no authority and in fact is precluded by law, from investigating matters such as this.

I was interested in learning of the good work you and your friends are doing in Panama. Your letter is being returned as you requested.

Sincerely,

Allen W. Dulles  
Director

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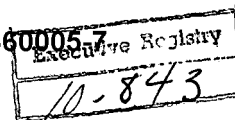
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Signed: [redacted]  
Chief, IO Division  
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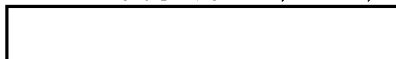
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COL. SAMUEL Z. GOLDSTEIN, USMC, RET.



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February 4, 1958

Mr. Allen W. Dulles, Director  
Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Dulles:

I want to call your attention to a condition that exists in some foreign countries with the CARE organization that raises dollars for the poor.

When I was in Cristobal last Fall, I investigated why these poor people were not getting proper food. CARE operated out of Cristobal on the Pacific side. They have a station there run by two women, and I was told one receives a salary of \$700 per month and the second woman receives \$500 a month. That is a year's pay for any ordinary clerk. I couldn't believe that the salaries were so high for people working for a charitable organization. This information was given to me by the manager of the Washington Hotel in Colon who is now manager of the United States Canal hotel, the Tivoli, in the Zone.

Some of the CARE cases contained 10-lb. cans of Armour's Yellow Cheese which they cut in two or three pieces. They also contained Dried Milk in 5 and 10 pound bags. The cheese is either thrown away or sold for a few pennies to the Chinese merchants of which there are quite a few in that part of the country.

I think that there must be some way that that organization can be investigated as they are raising thousands of dollars in this country. I thought I would pass this on to you.

I expect to go down there again next month and I will take in Colombia, Panama, Costa Rica and Guatemala on the Pacific side. I am enclosing a letter which you can return after you have read same.

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